

Columbia Basin Collaborative (CBC) Estuary and Tributary Habitat Work Group

WORK PLAN

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Habitat Work Plan

Objectives of the Work Group are:

- Using CBPTF tools and data, identify priority restoration actions/programs that address impact reduction need for estuary and tributary habitat and collaborate with existing forums (for example, regional recovery organizations) and the IRG as needed
- Consider recommendations, actions, and shovel-ready projects from existing forums (for example the CBPTF P2 report)
- Consider actions that benefit multiple stocks and regions/watershed populations
- Estimate mortality magnitude, source, and location
- Acknowledge tribal and treaty rights and legal constraints

| Meeting | Goals | Key Topics |
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| Kick off (#1) | Introduction to CBC Estuary and Tributary Habitat Work Group Assess gaps in existing forums, science, and funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to shared understanding of the assignment from the I/RG and information available from the CBPTF • Identify existing forums, gaps, and funding needs and sources • Start developing work plan <p>Between meeting work: draft work plan and clean up gap analysis</p> |
| #2 | Finalize Work Plan Assess existing plans and reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify request from the I/RG • Further identify priority habitat programs, locations, responsible entities and limiting factors • Further understand challenges and opportunities to habitat restoration efforts <p>Between meeting work: Survey recommendations</p> |
| #3 | Developing short term recommendations Understand challenges and opportunities to habitat restoration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying priority areas for restoration and protection related actions • Identify implementers, partners, and collaborators in the work • Identify challenges and potential solutions |

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| | | Between meeting work: Ranking priority actions |
| #4 | Start development of long term recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize short term recommendations to go the Science Integration Work Group and the I/RG Overview of successful long-standing programs <p>Between meeting work: Develop research/data and budget requests</p> |
| #5 and beyond | Developing long term recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build consensus around recommendations to go to the Science Integration Work Group and the I/RG |